

The report that Sinclair Broadcasting has decided to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. The "documentary" they plan to show is not "news", but is clearly political campaign material. Either they Sinclair should be prohibited from showing this politically charged documentary, or they should be forced to give Senator Kerry equal time.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. I hope that you will work to protect the citizens of this country and resist consolidating all of the power in the hands of a few. Thank you.